

DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee
Tuesday, November 14, 2006
9:00 AM
Florence K. Little Town Hall
12 Colomba Road

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Marion Lane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Vice Chair Marion Lane, Josephine Opisso, and Daniel McMahon

Members Absent: Gene Leighton (excused)

Others Present: Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson, Council Member Tillis, and Captain Alan Osowski

III. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting held October 10, 2006

Ms. Opisso stated that a discussion relative to the future of the Committee should be added to the minutes. Vice Chair Lane made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with the addition suggested by Ms. Opisso. Mr. McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

Vice Chair Lane informed Council Member Tillis that Mary Hall needed to be replaced due to non-attendance. Council Member Tillis responded that he was aware, and needed some additional time to check out prospective applicants' backgrounds prior to appointment. Ms. Opisso noted that she had called Council Member Tillis prior to the meeting and thanked him for coming.

There was a brief discussion relative to the future of the Committee. Mr. Williamson stated that it is up to the Committee how often they would like to meet, whether it is monthly, quarterly, or bi-monthly. Council Member Tillis suggested having an alternate member appointed to the Committee.

Vice Chair Lane asked Council Member Tillis if he had any ideas for the Committee to pursue. Council Member Tillis mentioned that people have to go down to Highbanks to safely cross 17-92, and another crossing is needed. He also suggested soliciting ideas from the various homeowners' associations. He briefly discussed the lack of available land for schools in the City and updated the members on the status of the commuter rail station.

Vice Chair Lane asked if it would be okay for the members to stand outside the post office or other places to introduce themselves to citizens. Mr. Williamson said he would check with the City Manager and he would get nametags for the members. Captain Osowski said that he did not see a problem with the members doing that.

Captain Osowski suggested the following ideas: one or more of the members joining the West Volusia Traffic Safety Committee, checking with the neighborhood watch groups, and meeting with the assistant city manager to see what is being planned in terms of new developments, sidewalks, etc. Mr. Williamson said he would get a list of the neighborhood watch groups for the Committee.

Mr. Williamson stated that he would ask the COP Coordinator if the COPs could help identify the stop bar signs that need to be repainted throughout the City.

V. New Business

Council Member Tillis said that the Christmas parade and the Holiday Festival of Lights are coming up soon, and that maybe the Committee could assist with the events. Captain Osowski said it would be a good idea for a representative from the Committee to be part of the planning committees for special events.

Council Member Tillis informed the Committee that he has been looking into the idea of DeBary forming an alliance with one or more other cities in different geographic areas in the event of a natural disaster. Captain Osowski explained the "Sister City" concept to the Committee.

Vice Chair Lane made a motion that the next meeting would be held on January 9, 2007. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Captain Osowski suggested that the Committee research starting a citywide program to help the elderly shut-in population; he said to first develop an inventory and then a plan for what they want to do. Mr. Williamson said already has a special needs listing, and he would check with the churches for their information.

VI. Public Participation

None.

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Opisso moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Lane seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

APPROVED January 9, 2007
CITY OF DeBARY
Public Safety Advisory Committee
Marion Lane, Vice Chair